

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is responsive to the official action dated April 16, 2008. The claim amendments included herein are merely clarifying amendments and are not meant to change the intended scope of the claims. Thus, the amendments present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, and they should be entered in due course. Moreover, the amendments are manifest, requiring only a cursory review by the Examiner, thereby providing additional ground for their entry.

Claims 1 and 26-28 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1 and 26-28 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1 and 26-28 have been amended. Claims 1 and 26-28 thus remain for consideration.

Applicants submit that claims 1 and 26-28 are in condition for allowance and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

**§ 103 Rejections**

Claims 1 and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazuhiro et al. (Japanese Pub. 2003-242122), in view of Fukuda (U.S. Pub. 2003/0012156), and further in view of Mansour et al. (U.S. Pub. 2002/0111995).

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 26-28 are patentable over Kazuhiro, Fukuda, and Mansour (collectively "the cited references").

Applicants' invention as recited in claims 1 and 26-28 is directed toward an information processing system. The claims recite that a "device" or "third information processing apparatus" (hereinafter "device") is connected to a network through the use of first, second and third identification information, and setting information. The claims further recite that the third identification information includes a one-time

ID, and that the one-time ID is generated in response to authentication of the device and contains no information relating to the device or an apparatus that authenticates the device. Supporting disclosure can be found in the specification at, for example, paragraph [0180].

None of the cited references discloses connecting a device to a network through the use of first identification information, second identification information, third identification information and setting information, wherein the third identification information includes a one-time ID, and the one-time ID is generated in response to authentication of the device and contains no information relating to the device or an apparatus that authenticates the device. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claims 1 and 26-28 are patentable over the cited references - taken either individually or in combination - on at least this basis.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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